

Dear FCC:

I am very disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a "documentary" on John Kerry that is blatantly aimed at foiling Mr. Kerry's election bid and boosting Mr. Bush's. The airing of a politically motivated piece just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The airing of this supposed documentary serves the interest of George Bush's campaign. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

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